

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2200

By Mr. Loscocco of Holliston, petition of Paul J.P. Loscocco and others relative to the transfer of a portion of the Turnpike and the financing of the metropolitan highway system from non-toll revenues. Transportation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Paul J.P. Loscocco	James E. Vallee
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE TURNPIKE  
AND THE FINANCING OF THE METROPOLITAN HIGHWAY SYSTEM FROM  
TOLL AND NON-TOLL REVENUES.

1     *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2     defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the transfer of  
3     a portion of the Turnpike and the financing of the Metropolitan  
4     Highway System from non-toll revenues, therefore it is hereby  
5     declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
6     preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     Section 26 of Chapter 81A of the General Laws, as appearing  
2     in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in  
3     lines 12-14, the words “provided, however, that any such agree-  
4     ments shall provide that all non-toll turnpike revenues shall there-  
5     after be dedicated solely to the operation and maintenance of the  
6     turnpike” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—  
7     provided, however, that the highway department, on behalf of the  
8     commonwealth, shall enter into an agreement with the authority  
9     prior to December 31 , 2005 providing for the immediate transfer

10 to the highway department of that portion of the turnpike con-  
11 sisting of the limited access express toll highway, designated as  
12 interstate highway route 90, extending from the town of West  
13 Stockbridge on the commonwealth's border with New York state  
14 to but excluding exit 6, so-called, at the interchange of interstate  
15 highway route 90 and interstate highway route 291, and all  
16 bridges, tunnels, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges, entrance  
17 plazas, approaches, and connecting highways, but excluding the  
18 service plazas, so-called, consisting of parking facilities, service  
19 stations, restaurants, retail establishments, tourist information cen-  
20 ters and administration and access thereto, with any and all toll  
21 and non-toll turnpike revenues necessary continuing to be paid to  
22 the authority to be used for any legal purpose of the authority;  
23 provided, however, that such revenues shall first be used by the  
24 turnpike authority to continue the so-called commuter discount  
25 program on the turnpike and the metropolitan highway system and  
26 to prevent or offset any increase to tolls collected pursuant to  
27 section 10 chapter 81A of the General Laws; and further provided  
28 that such agreement shall provide for the use and storage of equip-  
29 ment for the maintenance of such transferred portion of the turn-  
30 pike in a manner mutually acceptable to the parties to the  
31 agreement.